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SUBJECT: VISIT TO TEHRAN OF DR. VICTOR RABINOWITCH, DIRECTOR, BOARD OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

1. DURING JUNE 24-25 STOPOVER IN TEHRAN, DR. RABINOWITCH VISITED SEVERAL OFFICIALS OF TEHRAN UNIVERSITY AND THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION. UNFORTUNATELY, ARYAMEHR UNIVERSITY'S VICE CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH AND PLANNING FAILED TO APPEAR FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

2. THE NEW MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION HAS RECENTLY NAMED NEW UNDERSECRETARIES, AND THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT A MORE VIGOROUS PROGRAM OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IS BEING FORMULATED. DR. BAHMAN PARSA, UNDERSECRETARY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH, WAS STRONGLY ATTRACTED TO THE IDEA OF ARRANGING A WORKSHOP ON SCIENCE POLICY WHICH WOULD BRING EMINENT AMERICAN AND IRANIAN SCIENTISTS AND POLICY-MAKERS TOGETHER IN IRAN TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAM OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH RELEVANT TO IRAN'S NEEDS.

3. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES DR. RABINOWITCH'S VISIT WAS TIMELY AND USEFUL IN BRINGING KEY IRANIANS AN AWARENESS OF THE EXPERTISE WHICH THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES COULD MAKE AVAILABLE TO THEM FOR PLANNING AN EXPANDED ROLE FOR S&T IN IRAN. THE EMBASSY
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